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BOOK REVIEWS.

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American and English Annotated Cases, containing important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English reports, thoroughly annotated. Editors William McKinney and H. Noyes Greene. Volume 24. Ann. Cas. 1912C. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, Long Island, New York. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco. 1912. Price \$5.00.

With each volume of this series we see a distinct advance from the beginning. The selections are admirably made and the annotations could not be better. We have had occasion to examine carefully for prospective use the note on page 3, "Condonation as Defense in an Action for Divorce;" on page 109, "Competency of Admission or Declaration of an Officer of Corporation as Evidence against Corporation;" and the note on page 480 as to "Admissibility in Evidence of Uncommunicated Threats by Deceased in Prosecution for Homicide;" and we have found them exceedingly valuable. We have read with much interest the note on page 266 upon the much-mooted question as to the "Admissibility of Evidence as to Health or Physical Condition of Person for Whose Benefit Action for Death by Wrongful Act Is Brought." The note on page 938 as to the "Right of a Municipality to Exercise Corporate Powers beyond Municipal Limits" is one of much interest. Virginia lawyers will be interested in the note on page 1109 as to the "Validity of a Statute Depriving of Right of Trial by Jury in Lower Court but Providing for Jury Trial on Appeal." This note quotes *Brown v. Eppes*, 91 Va. 726, the well-known case overruling *Miller v. Commonwealth*, 88 Va. 618.

Conduct of Law Suits Out and in Court, practically teaching and copiously illustrating the preparation and forensic management of litigated cases of all kinds—being a new edition of "Practical Suggestions," revised and rewritten by John C. Reed, author of "American Law Studies." Second Edition with an introduction by John H. Wigmore. Boston, Little Brown & Co. 1912. \$4.00.

Here is an old and valued friend in a new dress, beautifully printed, beautifully bound and its leaves gilt edged. No binding is too sumptuous for this admirable book which for more than twenty-seven years has been upon the writer's most accessible shelf. We would not like to say how often we have read this volume and "Harris' Hints on Advocacy"—two books which ought to be read by every lawyer. We do not believe there is any book on the subject, however, as valuable as this work of Reed's. It is helpful in every way and as entertaining as helpful. No young lawyer should neglect to read it and we have often wondered why the law schools did not have it in their curriculum—certainly as "something on the side" anyway. We are glad to see the volume reprinted and cannot too heartily commend it.